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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0594

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: FOR PINT LA
SUBJECT: ARREST OF FORMER KING SAVANG VATTHANA

1. OUR BEST INFORMATION IS THAT THE FORMER KING,
QUEEN, CROWN PRINCE AND CROWNPRINCESS HAVE ALL BEEN
SENT TO A POLITICAL REEDUCATION CENTER AT VIENGSAI IN
NORTHERN LAOS. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE BEEN ACCUSED
OF COMPLICITY IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BUT THE LPDR
HAS NOT YET MADE ANY FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHARGES
AGAINST THEM WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO CONFIRMATION OF
DEATH SENTENCES.

2. WE AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN THAT ANY PUBLIC
DISPLAY OF U.S. INTEREST IN THE FORMER KING'S
SITUATION WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA.
SOMEBODY LIKE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR OBERG MIGHT BE IN THE
BEST POSITION TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY. WE THINK ANY SUCH APPROACH MIGHT BEST
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BE MADE QUIETLY AND PRIVATELY. WE DO NOT THINK A
JOINT APPROACH BY THE REMAINING CROWNED HEADS OF
EUROPE WOULD DO THE FORMER KING MUCH GOOD.

3. WE SHALL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED OF INFORMATION
ON THIS SUBJECT AS WE ACQUIRE IT.
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